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**THE SOUTH CAROLINA AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION**

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### *Purpose and Organization*

The South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was established by the State Legislature in 1971. The thirteen-member body was created to insure that appropriate efforts are made at the state level to stimulate and excite active interest throughout South Carolina in properly celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Nation. During the 1975 Legislative session, the original Act was amended to add one member to the State Commission. Governor James B. Edwards appointed Mr. Arthur J. H. Clement, Jr., of Charleston.

Legislation which created the Commission requires that staff support for Commission activities be provided by the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism and by the Department of Archives and History. Director of the Commission staff is consequently an officer of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and staff members are employees of that department. Likewise, the heads of the two established agencies are, by law, executive officers of the Bicentennial Commission. In this way, a close working relationship between key departments is insured and the funding of an additional State agency is avoided.

### *The Program Structure*

The objectives adopted by the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission comprise three major themes which are consistent with those recommended for the Nation by the national American Revolution Bicentennial Administration:

1. HERITAGE — The Heritage theme is designed to stimulate South Carolinians to become more aware of our State's role in the Revolution. An effort is being made to inform the American people of the great part South Carolina played in securing our country's independence.
2. FESTIVAL — The Festival emphasis will encourage people of South Carolina, the Nation, and the world to visit our Revolutionary War sites and attractions and to participate in numerous commemorative events and celebrations.

3. HORIZONS '76 — This theme will project dramatic new horizons of social, educational, and economic achievement to the end that the hopes and dreams embodied in the spirit of the Revolution may be better realized by every South Carolinian.

#### *Inter-State Relations*

The State of South Carolina is represented on the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States through the Commission. The Bicentennial Council is an independent group which was formed in 1971 to focus specifically on the interests of the Thirteen Original States and to develop co-operative programs of common benefit.

The South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has been officially represented at all meetings of the Council since its organization and is an active participant in the decision-making process. Liaison with other states throughout the Nation on matters of Bicentennial interest is a continuing and growing activity of the Commission.

#### *FINANCIAL REPORT*

Although the enabling Act specified that funding and staffing would come from the Departments of Archives and History and Parks, Recreation and Tourism, a subsequent appropriation in 1974-75 allocated \$100,000 to the Commission (it is listed in the "Miscellaneous" section of that Appropriations Bill). A small, additional amount of \$12,500 has been appropriated (by Joint Resolution) to be used specifically on October 20, 1975, to assist in the funding of a patriotic rally at the University of South Carolina Stadium. This appropriation carries a proviso that it must be matched with federal funds (PRT will be the recipient of the appropriation and will perform bookkeeping tasks).



**S. C. AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**July, 1975**

|                           | FEDERAL     | STATE       | OTHER       | TOTAL        |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Balance Forward 7-1-75    | \$40,412.38 | \$58,264.86 | \$44,160.05 | \$142,837.29 |
| <b>INCOME</b>             |             |             |             |              |
| Donations .....           |             |             | 67.80       |              |
| Tie Tacs .....            |             |             | 227.20      |              |
| Medallions .....          |             |             | 818.06      |              |
| Logo Pins & Flags .....   |             |             | 975.52      |              |
| License Tags .....        |             |             | 450.00      |              |
| Silver Trays .....        |             |             | 324.00      |              |
| Scarves & Ties .....      |             |             | 404.50      |              |
| Ink Pens .....            |             |             | 7.50        |              |
| Pendants .....            |             |             | 136.00      |              |
| Paper Weights .....       |             |             | 278.30      |              |
| Glass Trays .....         |             |             | 37.00       | 3,725.88     |
|                           | \$40,412.38 | \$58,264.86 | \$47,885.93 | \$146,563.17 |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>       |             |             |             |              |
| Office Supplies .....     | 10.77       | 71.81       | 69.66       | 152.24       |
| Rents & Equipment .....   | 242.99      |             |             | 242.99       |
| Salaries .....            | 731.00      | 1,568.06    |             | 2,299.06     |
| Other Supplies .....      | 433.40      |             |             | 433.40       |
| Per Diem .....            |             | 125.00      |             | 125.00       |
| Travel .....              |             | 959.64      |             | 959.64       |
| Other Contractual         |             |             |             |              |
| Services .....            |             | 62.40       |             | 62.40        |
| Rent Property .....       |             | 275.00      |             | 275.00       |
| Rent Property—            |             |             |             |              |
| State Owned .....         |             | 91.00       |             | 91.00        |
| Pendants .....            |             |             | 252.00      | 252.00       |
| License Tags .....        |             |             | 202.96      | 202.96       |
| Tie Tacs & Cuff Links ..  |             |             | 1,700.50    | 1,700.50     |
| Postage .....             |             |             | 10.00       | 10.00        |
| Misc. Mdsc. for Resale .. |             |             | 480.90      | 480.90       |
| Return Bad Checks ....    |             |             | 10.58       | 10.58        |
|                           | \$ 1,418.16 | \$ 3,152.91 | \$ 2,726.60 | \$ 7,297.67  |
|                           | \$38,994.22 | \$55,111.95 | \$45,159.33 | \$139,265.50 |
| Total Balance 7-31-75 ..  |             |             |             | \$139,265.50 |

## AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

## OPERATING REVENUE

JULY, 1975

| Revenue                 | July, 1975 |          |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|
| Tie Tacs .....          | \$ 227.20  |          |
| Medallions .....        | 818.06     |          |
| Logo Pins & Flags ..... | 975.52     |          |
| License Tags .....      | 450.00     |          |
| Silver Trays .....      | 324.00     |          |
| Scarves & Ties .....    | 404.50     |          |
| Cuff Links .....        | —0—        |          |
| Ink Pens .....          | 7.50       |          |
| Pendants .....          | 136.00     |          |
| Paper Weights .....     | 278.30     |          |
| Glass Trays .....       | 37.00      | 3,658.08 |

## Other

|                 |       |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Donations ..... | 67.80 |       |
| Royalties ..... | —0—   | 67.80 |

\$ 3,725.88

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance Forward 7-1-75 ..... | \$44,160.05 |
|                              | \$47,885.93 |

## Expenditures

|                              |          |             |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Pendants .....               | 252.00   |             |
| License Tags .....           | 202.96   |             |
| Tie Tacs & Cuff Links .....  | 1,700.50 |             |
| Postage .....                | 10.00    |             |
| Office Supplies .....        | 69.66    |             |
| Misc. Mdsc. for Resale ..... | 480.90   |             |
| Return Bad Checks .....      | 10.58    | 2,726.60    |
| Balance 7-31-75 .....        |          | \$45,159.33 |



State Appropriations specifically designated for Bicentennial activities therefore total \$125,000. This amount includes the \$100,000 already defined, an amount of \$12,500 which previously was appropriated to cover the per diem and travel expenses of Commissioners as they were required to attend Commission meetings, and \$12,500 for the patriotic rally as described. At the end of April, 1975, the Commission had on hand a balance in state funds of \$72,111.91 which indicated an expenditure of \$40,388.99 over the three years and ten months since the Commission was established. The average expenditure of state appropriated funds has therefore been approximately \$10,600 a year since the Commission was established.

The funds described above, being state funds, do not include those which are in the categories "federal" and "other" funds. Federal funds coming to the Commission have been for two purposes, (1) for the operation of the Commission office, and (2) for use as 50-50 matching grants to non-profit organizations for Bicentennial projects. Federal funds for operations have come from a Congressional appropriation while the matching grant funds have been made possible by two methods at the federal level. On one hand, Congress appropriated an amount of \$200,000 for each state to be used as matching grant funds for Bicentennial activities. In South Carolina, the entire \$200,000 has been designated by the Commission as part of the amount (\$2.1 million) needed to authentically restore the historic Exchange Building in Charleston. On the other hand, matching grant funds have been generated at the federal level through the sale of a stamp and coin combination designed to appeal to collectors. In each of the fiscal years 1973-74 and 1974-75, South Carolina received \$40,000 of such funds or a total of \$80,000. Exhibit 1 is a list of those organizations receiving such funds and the purposes for which the money was made available.

The Commission has chosen to utilize the organizational structure of the state's ten Regional Planning Districts to assist in coordinating activities relating to the Bicentennial celebration. To help the various planning districts in their expenses connected with such an effort, the Commission has



**Exhibit 1****APPROVED MATCHING GRANT APPLICATIONS**

| Requesting Organization                                    | Amount      | Purpose of Approved Grant   |
|--|-------------|---|
| 1. Ninety Six Historical Commission                        | \$24,500.00 | For restoration of Star Fort at Ninety Six  |
| 2. Pendleton District Historical and Recreation Commission | 10,646.00   | To support the Foothills Heritage Series  |
| 3. S. C. Daughters of the American Revolution              | 2,000.00    | For the acquisition of two bronze castings of the state medallion, now hanging in the State House                               |
| 4. City of Greenville                                      | 1,900.00    | For the permanent installation of flags in downtown Greenville  |
| 5. Patriots Point Authority                                | 10,000.00   | To support the development of engineering requirements to berth the U.S. Aircraft Carrier "Yorktown" at Patriots Point          |
| 6. Camden Historical Commission                            | 10,000.00   | For archeological excavations in the 1781 town site   |
| 7. Orangeburg County Bicentennial Commission               | 10,000.00   | To move and restore the historic "Donald Bruce" house   |
| 8. Georgetown County Bicentennial Committee                | 2,500.00    | To assist in development of a Bicentennial municipal park to be located on the waterfront                                       |
| 9. Fairfield County Historical Society                     | 3,000.00    | To assist in developing proper furnishing and types of exhibits for the recently renovated Ketchin Building in Winnsboro        |
| 10. S. C. Federation of Music Clubs                        | 1,500.00    | To underwrite S. C. participation in a special program for the performing arts at the John F. Kennedy Center, Washington, D. C. |

| Requesting Organization                               | Amount             | Purpose of Approved Grant  |
|---|--------------------|--|
| 11. Richland County Historic Preservation Committee   | 2,000.00           | To assist in exterior painting of Woodrow Wilson Boyhood Home in Columbia  |
| 12. Riverview Elementary School — Ft. Mill, S. C.     | 250.00             | To assist in a student program of animated cartoons on little known historical events in S. C. history                   |
| 13. S. C. American Revolution Bicentennial Commission | 1,704.00           | To assist in the development of a mobile exhibit to be used throughout the state to promote the Bicentennial observance. |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>   | <u>\$80,000.00</u> |  |

distributed \$2,000 to each district (total: \$20,000) and has currently set aside another \$20,000 for a similar purpose. The funds going to the Regional Planning Districts are taken from those received by the Commission for operations and are therefore outright grants not requiring matching funds. The Commission is thereby sharing with the Regional Planning Districts those funds which it ordinarily would spend in the conduct of its ongoing business. The federal government has provided a total of \$116,000 for operations with \$40,000 of the amount committed to the Regional Planning Districts as already described.

In the category "other funds," the Commission has received \$197,394. These funds have been generated by the sale of commemorative merchandise and through donations from private sources. Franklin Mint, for example, has paid to the Commission an amount in excess of \$51,000 as royalties from the sale of the official state Bicentennial medallion. Funds have also been generated from the sale of items out of the Commission's office. Merchandising is not seen as a major function, but it is viewed as very important in an effort to avoid unnecessary state funding.

Funds received from all sources since the beginning total



\$505,894 with a balance on hand at the end of April, 1975, of \$133,900.

How was the money used?

Attached, and identified as Exhibit 2, is a list of the major items for which funds were expended through April of this year. (Note: The \$200,000 previously described as being committed to the Exchange Building restoration is not included since the money has not been actually received but is available to the Commission on request.) The Commission has also made outright (non-matching) grants from its operating funds to support other projects as described in Exhibit 3.

## Exhibit 2

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### *Receipts*

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| State Funds .....   | \$112,500.00 |
| Federal Funds ..... | 196,000.00   |
| Other Sources ..... | 197,394.00   |
|                     | <hr/>        |
| Total .....         | \$505,894.00 |
|                     | <hr/>        |

#### *Expenditures*

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Grants                       |              |
| (Commission Resources) ....  | \$127,224.00 |
| (Federal) .....              | 80,000.00    |
| Commemorative Merchandise .. | 72,146.00    |
| Operating Expenses .....     | 92,624.00    |
|                              | <hr/>        |
| Total .....                  | \$371,994.00 |
|                              | <hr/>        |

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Balance on Hand, April 20, 1975 .... | \$133,900.00* |
|                                      | <hr/>         |
|                                      | <hr/>         |

\* Does not include inventories of commemorative merchandise valued at approximately \$30,000.

**Exhibit 3**

**GRANTS FROM COMMISSION RESOURCES WHICH  
NORMALLY WOULD BE EXPENDED FOR OPERATIONS**

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. To support State Library Project,<br>"American Patriot Reading Club" .....   | \$ 23,500.00               |
| 2. To purchase famous painting, "Battle<br>Of Cowpens," for display in<br>State House .....                               | 60,000.00                  |
| 3. To support Regional Planning<br>Districts in their<br>Bicentennial efforts .....                                       | 20,000.00                  |
| 4. To support South Carolina Debating<br>Team at competition in Williamsburg,<br>Virginia, 1974-75 .....                  | 1,724.00                   |
| 5. Production of South Carolina Bicen-<br>tennial film, "200 Candles" for use as<br>information film throughout the state | 22,000.00                  |
| <b>Total</b> .....  | <u><u>\$127,224.00</u></u> |

***Achievement '76***

The Commission has launched a program to stimulate Bicentennial involvement of organizations and businesses in the state. The program, Achievement '76, calls on all organized groups — from 4-H clubs to garden clubs to businesses to school groups — to pledge "beneficial action as a legacy to those generations who will follow us and in tribute to the magnificent patriots of the American Revolution who committed their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to secure for us the blessings of liberty."

The program consists of the completion by the participant of a commitment certificate which formalizes commitments and better insures the attainment of the stated objectives. Upon receipt of the commitment certificate, Scrolls of Recognition are sent to participants along with special lapel buttons for organizational members and appropriate decals. Par-



ticipants may purchase a 3' x 5' Achievement '76 flag at a cost of \$12.00.

Already, South Carolina's 1,400 4-H clubs have pledged 100 percent participation in the program. It is hoped that more than 10,000 organizations and businesses will participate in Achievement '76.

### *"The Battle of Cowpens"*

The South Carolina Bicentennial Commission, through the efforts of Vice-Chairman Sam P. Manning, spearheaded a drive to raise \$60,000 to purchase William Ranney's famed painting depicting "The Battle of Cowpens." Many South Carolinians and Americans contributed to this cause.

"The Battle of Cowpens" now hangs in the State House Lobby in Columbia. It portrays a famous scene from a cavalry clash between Colonel William Washington and Colonel Banastre Tarleton, the British commander. The Battle of Cowpens was one of the six victories of the American Revolution for which the Continental Congress awarded medals in honor of the victory.

### *We the People*

John Adams in a letter to his wife, Abigail, wrote the following lines concerning the day on which America declared its independence in July of 1776, "I believe it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty . . . solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

One of the three themes of the Bicentennial in America — and in South Carolina — is the Festival theme, and in keeping with the expressed desire of a great many people, an inspirational rally was set for October 20 in Columbia at the University of South Carolina stadium. The rally, to be called, "We The People," is the result of an Executive Order issued by Governor James B. Edwards calling for such a

celebration and setting forth the mechanism through which the Order might be implemented. The Governor's Office, the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, the State Fair Association, and business enterprises to be invited, will stage the rally as a cooperative effort.

A prestigious "Salute To America" committee has been appointed by the Governor together with a blue-ribbon "Salute To America" Planning Task Force. These two groups working closely together will provide the planning and management function. General William C. Westmoreland has agreed to serve as Chairman of the "Salute To America" committee and Mrs. James F. Byrnes has agreed to serve as Honorary Co-Chairman. Many highly regarded and well-known South Carolinians have also agreed to serve. Mr. Robert Pryor, Director of the Hall of Fame at Myrtle Beach and a retired CBS Senior Executive, has agreed to serve as the Planning Task Force Chairman. The Planning Task Force has three Co-Vice Chairmen: Mr. Douglas Donehue, a Charleston newspaper executive, Ms. Betty Blair, advertising executive, and Mr. Willie Williams, Real Estate Developer. At this writing, plans are being formulated which indicate the very impressive event will be enjoyed by thousands of South Carolinians who will attend and other thousands who will be viewing the proceedings on television.

### *Spirit of '76 Conference*

On July 3, 1974, a "Spirit of '76 Conference" was initiated with the first session being proclaimed, "A Call To Commitment." The conference was held in Columbia and more than 500 persons were in attendance. The second session of that conference, "A Call To Action," will coincide with the aforementioned patriotic rally and will be held in Columbia on October 20, 1975.

### *Partners of the Americas*

When the U. S. State Department expressed a desire to extend the Bicentennial influence to foreign countries, the Commission examined ways in which South Carolina might further this objective. It was learned that only six states



had no chapter of Partners of the Americas and that South Carolina was in that category. Consequently the possibility of establishing such a chapter in South Carolina was pursued. Partners of the Americas is the private sector component of the Alliance for Progress developed under former President John F. Kennedy. Whereas the Alliance for Progress was a government project, Partners of the Americas is a people-to-people program which is designed to encourage the sharing of ideas between citizens of both hemispheres.

A Partners of the Americas chapter has been established in South Carolina under the chairmanship of Dr. Aracelis Shaw of Columbia College. Representatives of the South Carolina chapter have visited in Colombia, South America, where the city of Cali and the state of Valle have been designated as the "Partner" of South Carolina. A number of mutually beneficial projects are being developed in the areas of education, television, medicine, and industry.

#### *Bicentennial Communities*

To stimulate community involvement in the Bicentennial, the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration created the Bicentennial Communities Program. Municipalities with programs utilizing intense citizen participation and featuring at least one project of lasting value are honored by this designation.

The program has been underway for two years and has been carried to South Carolina communities through direct personal contact by the Commission staff, through an information program of the Regional Councils of Government, and through the media.

To date, the following 34 South Carolina communities have received this designation:

| <i>Cities</i> | <i>Counties</i>    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Greenville    | Cherokee           |
| Greer         | Pendleton District |
| Seneca        | Abbeville          |
| Cayce         | Edgefield          |
| Whitmire      | McCormick          |

Cheraw  
 Florence  
 Myrtle Beach  
 Brunson  
 Rock Hill  
 Jonesville  
 Springdale  
 Branchville  
 Spartanburg  
 Lexington

Chester  
 Lancaster  
 Union  
 Lexington  
 Newberry  
 Richland  
 Kershaw  
 Orangeburg  
 Sumter  
 Charleston  
 Georgetown  
 Beaufort  
 Calhoun  
 Fairfield

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration has established a similar program of recognition for colleges and universities. All eligible universities and colleges in the state, including technical education centers, have been informed by the Commission of this program. The Citadel was the first South Carolina college to be honored by the Bicentennial Campus designation.

#### *Restoration of the Old Exchange Building*

Shortly after its establishment, the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission identified as one of its major objectives a complete and authentic restoration of the Old Exchange Building in Charleston. Subsequent to that decision, efforts were initiated to negotiate a long-term lease with the occupants of the Building, the Rebecca Motte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. While numerous obstacles have been encountered during the negotiations, the effort continues with a hope that the Old Exchange Building will be restored to its original grandeur and that it shall become one of the treasured possessions of the people of South Carolina. At this writing, negotiations have not been finalized and efforts are still being exerted to achieve the ends which have been envisioned.

#### *Welcome Centers, Trails, Auto Tags*

The Commission encourages full utilization of the State's



official highway Welcome Centers as a means of promoting the Bicentennial attractions of South Carolina.

Special emphasis is given to the Historic Trails developed by the Department of Archives and History, particularly the George Washington and Liberty Trails which relate to the American Revolution.

The State Highway Department worked with the Commission in the incorporation of a Bicentennial theme in the official 1975 highway map. Following the "Battleground of Freedom" theme, color photographs of famous paintings of the battles of Cowpens, King's Mountain, Camden, Fort Moultrie, and Eutaw Springs, a picture of a model of the Ninety Six Fort, and a picture of "Marion Crossing the Pee Dee" appear on a reproduction of Mouzon's famous map of 1775.

Fifty of the most important battles are described and their locations pinpointed on the modern-day primary system map. In addition, automobile license tags will feature a Bicentennial motif and message in 1976.

#### *American Patriot Reading Club*

The Commission has donated \$23,500 to the State Library to underwrite an American Patriot Reading Club to acquaint South Carolina school children with the story of the Revolution and the meaning of the Bicentennial. During the summer of 1974, more than 40,000 students participated. It is anticipated that more than 80,000 school children will have enrolled in the program by the end of the summer of 1975. Participants receive recognition of their reading accomplishment through the awarding of certificates, buttons, and other appropriate acknowledgements.

#### *Telephone Directories*

In commemoration of the Bicentennial and the great role that South Carolina played in securing independence, Southern Bell Telephone Company cooperated with the Commission in utilizing a Bicentennial theme on telephone book covers in 1975 and 1976. William Ranney's famed painting, "The Battle of Cowpens," is being featured on directories in the state

issued in the first half of 1975 and during the last half of 1976. Plans are underway to commemorate Sergeant William Jasper's heroic saving of the state's flag at the Battle of Sullivan's Island on covers issued during the latter half of 1975 and the first months of 1976.

### *Logo Displays*

South Carolina's official Bicentennial logo will be displayed by several large companies on their vehicle fleets. Such action will serve to further stimulate interest in the Nation's 200th anniversary.

### *Commemorative Items*

The Commission recognizes that commemorative objects can serve a worthwhile purpose in stimulating interest in the American Revolution and in the part which South Carolina played. On June 28, 1974, the 198th anniversary of the Battle of Sullivan's Island, the Commission released South Carolina's official Bicentennial medallion. James L. Haynsworth of Columbia, South Carolina, designed the medallion's obverse, which commemorates Sergeant William Jasper's heroic rescue of the state flag at the Battle of Sullivan's Island. The arms (or reverse) side of the State Bicentennial medallion is the same as the reverse of the original Great Seal of South Carolina, chosen in 1776. The State Bicentennial medallion is available in a sterling silver edition issued by Pennsylvania's Franklin Mint, and in a bronze edition minted by the Medallic Arts Company.

In addition to the medallion, the Commission offers a commemorative auto plate bearing the official Bicentennial logo, lapel pins featuring the logo, silver plated trays, Bicentennial ties and scarfs, small desk-top flag sets, pocket and shoulder patches, writing pens, and certain other items.

### *Historic Sites*

The Commission is aware that South Carolina's role as the "Battleground of Freedom" during the American Revolution has not been adequately recognized by the Nation. In a 1974 publication of the National Park Service, however, the follow-



ing statement is found: "South Carolina was a battleground of rebellion from 1775 to 1782 and saw more military action than any of the other colonies." The Commission encourages efforts to preserve, restore, and properly advertise to the public our many Revolutionary War period historic sites.

The Commission believes that the development and maintenance of most historic points of interest can best be accomplished through local initiative and efforts and will support such efforts to the limit of available resources.

On the National level, the Commission has actively supported federal legislation providing for the Cowpens National Battlefield. The Commission is now supporting the development of Fort Moultrie in Charleston Harbor and the development of a Eutaw Springs National Battlefield. Through the Recreation Land Trust Fund, the Bicentennial Commission is supporting the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Archives and History in their efforts to acquire historic areas.

#### *Public Information Efforts*

The Commission has worked to stimulate awareness and interest in the Bicentennial through a public information program that includes public service television and radio announcements, news releases, the use of billboards on a public service basis and the publication of a quarterly newsletter received by approximately 2,600 South Carolinians. To further acquaint citizens with the upcoming Bicentennial, the Commission produced the film, "200 Candles." This 21-minute full color and sound production gives viewers a glimpse into the state's great Revolutionary War history, while explaining some of the views on freedom and the Bicentennial held by citizens of the state. Prints are available from the State Bicentennial office, the University of South Carolina film library, the Department of Education, and any one of the state's ten Regional Planning Offices.

The following materials are available and are designed to increase citizen awareness of the Bicentennial to emphasize the great role South Carolina played in the securing of our Nation's independence.

*Historic South Carolina, a Literary Tour of the State* — (Prepared by the State Library in cooperation with the Bicentennial Commission) This brochure lists reading material that will acquaint the readers with South Carolina's historic past. Most books listed are available in libraries throughout the state.

*Major Sites of the Revolution in South Carolina* — (Prepared by the Departments of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism and Archives and History) Thirty Revolutionary War sites in South Carolina and four in Georgia are described. Descriptions include history, location, and existing historical interpretation.

*Revolutionary Battles, Skirmishes, and Actions in South Carolina* — Researched and written by the Department of Archives and History) 182 separate actions in the Revolutionary War are listed. The date and location of actions are given.

*South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission* — A basic informational booklet concerning the goals and organizational structure of the Commission.

*"What Will You Do For America's 200th Birthday?"* — Bicentennial planner's aid that gives available programs, resources, and project ideas.

*1974 Directory of South Carolina Historical and Bicentennial Organizations* — (Published by Department of Archives and History) Regional, county, and community Bicentennial organizations are listed.

*Commemorative Item Brochure* — Information on commemorative items of the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission.